

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 998

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Zackary Wayne Blair for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Zack Blair is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron; Zack's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Zack was chosen from a vast pool of qualified applicants from all over this great State to serve as a legislative assistant of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lipscomb University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Zack has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities which include serving as, Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta, Chairman of the Lipscomb College Republicans, and Alpha Chi; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Zackary Blair brought his many abilities, passion for politics, and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, immersing himself in the intricacies and nuances of Tennessee State government, Zack has found the legislative process to be both delightful and complicated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blair has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has gained keen insight into floor debates and the complex details of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, Zack Blair has attained expertise in deciphering the Tennessee Code, writing summaries, researching projects, and distributing calendars and packets; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to the exemplary quality of his work, Zack does an outstanding job no matter how large or small the task set before him; and

WHEREAS, committed to diligent service, Zack Blair provided assistance and support to Micki Yearwood, Sandy Smith, Senator Bill Ketron, and the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, with his incredible knowledge of computers and his outstanding political I.Q., Zack quickly became one of the most powerful interns in decades; and

WHEREAS, Zack's good nature, dedication, efficiency, professionalism, maturity, and his willingness to help, have resulted in untold benefits to the Senate State and Local Government Committee and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Zack Blair is a pleasure to be around and will be greatly missed by his peers and superiors alike, especially by Senator Ketron's staff; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Mr. Blair has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Zackary Blair has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum and it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and commend those interns who have faithfully served this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Zackary Wayne Blair for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron and the Senate State and Local Government Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.